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In re Application of:
Mark Edward Riehl

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Application No.: **10/825,043**

Group Art Unit: **3735**

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Examiner: **Christine D. Hopkins**

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING THE PROXIMITY OF A TMS COIL TO A SUBJECT'S HEAD**

Commissioner for Patents
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Applicant-Initiated Interview Summary

Date of Interview: April 6, 2010

Interview Type: ☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic ☐ Electronic Mail ☐ Video Conference ☐ Other:

Participants:

From PTO: (Include Name and Title)

1. Christine D. Hopkins, Examiner

For Applicant:

1. Lori Anne D. Swanson, Attorney

☐ An exhibit or demonstration was included and is described below:

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The claims discussed included: Claim(s) 1

The ☐art ☒prior art discussed included:

Ruohonen U.S. Patent No. 6,849,040.

An agreement ☐ was ☐ was not reached.

☐ It was agreed that the attached claims are allowable.

☐ It was agreed that the attached amendment would be entered.

☒ The interview is summarized below.

Applicants discussed the difference between the claimed proximity sensors and the sensors described in the Ruohonen reference that only detect a single position or related positions from a sensor, but do not detect proximity. The Examiner acknowledged the distinction and said she would review again.

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